charges treated effluents in the river.

The Assam Water Pollution Board has desired that the effluents may be treated more effectively for which several measures have been/are being taken.

Army bus service between Noida and Delhi Cantt.

524. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of the army personnel working in Delhi Cantt. having their own residences at NOIDA, are put to great inconvenience in the absence of regular army bus service from Delhi Cantt. to Noida and back during duty hours;

(b) whether Government propose to extend the army bus service upto Delhi Cantt., which is at present running between Noida to Army Headquarters, South Block, New Delhi in order to facilitate the army personnel working in Delhi Cantt.; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No. Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Training of Apprentices at Defence Factories at Jabalpur

525. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Trade Apprentices trained at the different Defence factories at Jabalpur during the last three years;

(b) the number of them who have been duly employed and the vacancies that are yet to be filled; and

(c) the comparative corresponding figures for the other defence factories elsewhere in the country during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Under the Apprentices Act, 1961 three hundred and thirty-seven Apprentices were trained at the Jabalpur based factories (comprising the Ordnance Factories and Army Base Workshop) during the last three years. Even though, these factories are required to provide training to the Trade Apprentices under the Act, no obligation rests on them for the employment of such Apprentices. Employment of such Apprentices in these factories depends upon the available work load and vacancies for fresh recruitment. Since there were no vacancies, it had not been possible to absorb any Trade Apprentice during this period.

(c) The number of Trade Apprentices trained at the Ordnance Factories and Army Base Workshops, other than those in Jabalpur, during the same period, was 3241. Out of these only 53 could be absorbed.

कागज उद्योग के लिए कच्चे माल की कमी

526. श्री राम सिंह राठवा : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कच्चे माल की कमी के कारण कागज उद्योग अपनी क्षमता का पूरी तरह उपयोग कर पाने में असमर्थ है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कच्चे माल की कमी के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) कच्चे माल की मांग को पूरा करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा कौन-कौन से प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० जे० कुरियन): (क) कागज उद्योग को जिन समस्याओं का सामना करना पड़ रहा है उनमें एक समस्या कच्चे माल की अपर्याप्त आपूर्ति की है ।